



Child and Family Services Reviews

Nebraska 2017

Sites 1A/1B Exit Conference

Agenda

- Overview of Child and Family Services Reviews
 - Process
 - CFSR Outcomes
 - National Measures
- Case Review Findings
- Next Steps

Child and Family Services Reviews

- Collaborative effort between federal and state governments
- Promote continuous quality improvement in child welfare systems nationally
- Evaluate state performance relative to federal requirements and state Child and Family Services Plan
- Identify both the strengths and areas needing improvement in state child welfare programs

Child and Family Services Reviews

- States that do not meet initial standards develop an action-oriented 2-year Program Improvement Plan
- The Children's Bureau works to assist states in enhancing their capacity to help children and families achieve positive outcomes through ongoing technical assistance support

CFSR Process

- Child welfare outcomes assessed using information collected through case review

CFSR Outcomes

- Two Safety Outcomes
- Two Permanency Outcomes
- Three Well-Being Outcomes

CFSR Case Review

- 65 cases were reviewed using the federal Onsite Review Instrument (OSRI)
 - 25 in-home cases
 - 40 foster care cases
- Cases reviewed in three sites:
 - Douglas County
 - Hall County
 - Platte/Colfax Counties

CFSR Process

Systemic functioning assessed using:

- Statewide assessment
- Interviews with key stakeholders

CFSR Systemic Factors

- Statewide Information System
- Case Review System
- Quality Assurance System
- Staff and Provider Training
- Service Array and Resource Development
- Agency Responsiveness to the Community
- Foster and Adoptive Parent Licensing, Recruitment, and Retention

CFSR National Measures

The state's performance is considered relative to the following National Measures:

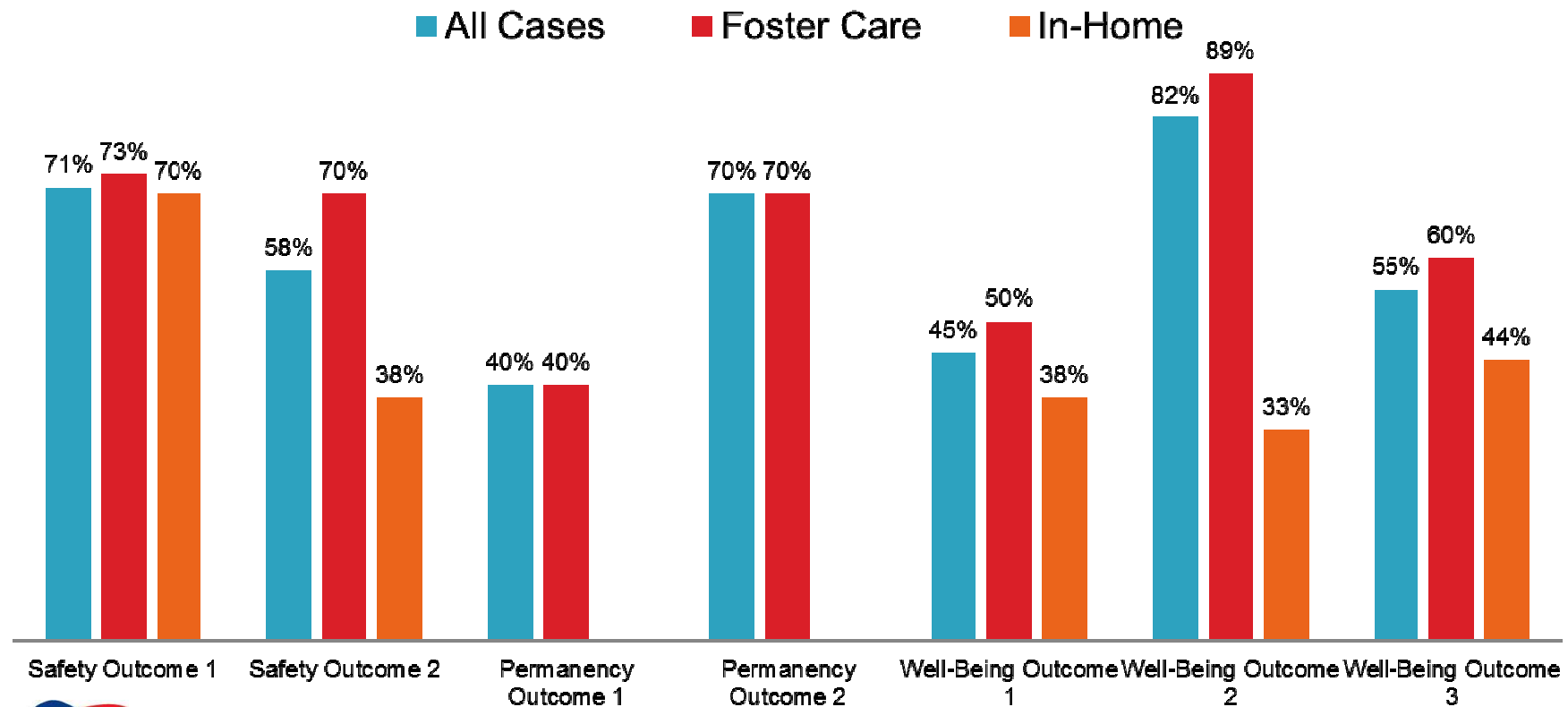
- Recurrence of maltreatment
- Maltreatment in foster care
- Permanency in 12 months for children entering care
- Permanency for children in care 12-23 months
- Permanency for children in care 24+ months
- Re-entry into foster care in 12 months
- Placement stability

Preliminary Case Review Findings

Douglas County
Sites 1A and 1B

Case Review Findings

Nebraska, Douglas County
% of Cases Substantially Achieved



Closer Look at Findings

- Outcome Ratings
- Themes
 - Practice strengths
 - Areas needing focus

- Outcome Ratings
- Themes
 - Strengths
 - Areas Needing Improvement

Practice Strengths

- Services were provided in voluntary in-home cases even when allegations were unsubstantiated
- Good use of relative placements which also enhanced placement stability
- Timely establishment of initial case plan goals

Practice Strengths

- Children were maintained in their schools, community, extra-curricular activities when placed in foster care
- Frequent visitation between mothers, fathers, and siblings
- Even in complex cases, services were individualized
- Very strong engagement of parents and children with case workers

Areas Needing Focus

- Delay of face-to-face contact during investigations
- Quality of initial and ongoing assessment
- Court challenges resulted in delays in permanency
- Involvement and assessment of non-custodial parents and paramours
- Assessment and service provision to foster parents

Safety Outcome 1

Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

71% Safety Outcome 1

OSRI Item 1: Timeliness of Initiating Investigations of Reports of Child Maltreatment

- 71% of 21 cases rated as a Strength

Safety Outcome 2

Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.

58% Safety Outcome 2

OSRI Item 2: *Services to Family to Protect Child(ren) in the Home and Prevent Removal or Re-Entry Into Foster Care*

- 82% of 17 cases rated as a Strength

OSRI Item 3: *Risk Assessment and Safety Management*

- 58% of 33 cases rated as a Strength

Permanency Outcome 1

Children have safety and stability in their living situations.

40% Permanency Outcome 1

OSRI Item 4: *Stability of Foster Care Placement*

- 75% of 20 cases rated as a Strength

OSRI Item 5: *Permanency Goal for Child*

- 65% of 20 cases rated as a Strength

OSRI Item 6: *Achieving Reunification, Guardianship, Adoption, or Other Planned Permanent Living Arrangement*

- 45% of 20 cases rated as a Strength

Permanency Outcome 2

The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.

70% Permanency Outcome 2

OSRI Item 7: Placement With Siblings

- 81% of 16 cases rated as a Strength

OSRI Item 8: Visiting With Parents and Siblings in Foster Care

- 71% of 17 cases rated as a Strength

Permanency Outcome 2 Cont.

OSRI Item 9: *Preserving Connections*

- 80% of 20 cases rated as a Strength

OSRI Item 10: *Relative Placement*

- 90% of 20 cases rated as a Strength

OSRI Item 11: *Relationship of Child in Care With Parents*

- 64% of 14 cases rated as a Strength

Well-Being Outcome 1

Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.

45% Well-Being Outcome 1

OSRI Item 12: *Needs and Services of Child, Parents, and Foster Parents*

- 48% of 33 cases rated as a Strength

OSRI Item 12A: 79% of 33 cases rated as a Strength

OSRI Item 12B: 52% of 29 cases rated as a Strength

OSRI Item 12C: 65% of 20 cases rated as a Strength

OSRI Item 13: *Child and Family Involvement in Case Planning*

63% of 32 cases rated as a Strength

Well-Being Outcome 1 Cont.

OSRI Item 14: *Caseworker Visits With Child*

- 82% of 33 cases rated as a Strength

OSRI Item 15: *Caseworker Visits With Parents*

- 52% of 29 cases rated as a Strength

Well-Being Outcome 2

Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs

82% Well-Being Outcome 2

OSRI Item 16: *Educational Needs of the Child*

- 82% of 22 cases rated as a Strength

Well-Being Outcome 3

Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs

55% Well-Being Outcome 3

OSRI Item 17: *Physical Health of the Child*

- 79% of 24 cases rated as a Strength

OSRI Item 18: *Mental/Behavioral Health of the Child*

- 59% of 22 cases rated as a Strength

Next Steps

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- Final Report will be issued to the state
- Continued collaborative effort between the state and Children's Bureau to develop and monitor Nebraska's Program Improvement Plan
- Continued collaboration with partners and families in development of Program Improvement Plan

Questions?

Thank you!